

**641—112.2(135) Definitions.** For the purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

*“Biological agent”* means any microorganism (including bacteria, viruses, fungi, rickettsiae or protozoa), pathogen, or infectious substance, toxin, or any naturally occurring, bioengineered or synthesized component of any such microorganism, pathogen or infectious substance, whatever its origin or method of production.

*“Biosecurity council”* or *“council”* means a council established by the director to advise the department on biosecurity issues and to recommend guidelines to protect the citizens of Iowa from exposure to select biological agents.

*“CDC”* means the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

*“Department”* means the Iowa department of public health.

*“Director”* means the director of the Iowa department of public health.

*“DOJ”* means the federal Department of Justice.

*“EMD”* means the emergency management division of the department of public defense.

*“FBI”* means Federal Bureau of Investigation.

*“HHS”* means the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

*“Laboratory”* means a facility for the examination of biological, microbiological, serological, chemical, immunohematological, hematological, biophysical, cytological or pathological materials or other materials derived from humans, animals, or plants to provide information for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of any disease or impairment of, or for the assessment of the health of, humans, animals, or plants.

*“Lethality”* or *“L”* means the relative power and degree of pathogenicity possessed by organisms to produce disease.

*“Select biological agent”* means a biological agent identified by the director, upon recommendation from the biosecurity council, for heightened monitoring and security, including but not limited to any biological agent that is listed as a Category A, B, or C biological agent by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, any agent identified as a select agent in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Part 72, Appendix A, and any biological agent identified by the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases as appropriate for a heightened level of monitoring and security.

*“Suitability”* or *“S”* means suitability for weaponization.

*“Transmissibility”* or *“T”* means degree of contagion.

*“USAMRIID”* means the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases.

*“Weaponization”* means manipulation of a biological agent to increase the potential for use as a weapon.